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A report on the Ministry of Health of the Lithuanian SSR

The report contains information on organization, the Sanitary-Epidemiological Station, the Institute of Hygiene, and individuals affiliated with the ministry.

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- c. Psychiatric Section
- d. Therapeutic Section
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- l. Planning and Financial Section
- m. Health Service Employees Trade Union
- n. Library
- o. Pharmacies Directorate
- p. Personnel Section

2. The Ministry of Health is represented throughout the republic by Town and District Health Offices. The Town Health Offices are known as "Gorzdrav" (Gorodskoy Otdel Zdravookhraneniya). The District Health Offices, referred to as "Rayzdrav" (Rayonniy Otdel Zdravookhraneniya), deal with health and sanitation problems in rural areas. Within their area of competence, these local institutions supervise dispensaries, hospitals, sanitary stations and pharmacies. They also oversee health service personnel and standards of hygiene in general, especially in such institutions as food factories and children's homes.

3. The Ministry controls the following services in Vilnius:
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building, which executes chemical analyses of water and tests the composition of foodstuffs. Apart from routine analyses of drinking water, the laboratory also tests the water from new wells. The Geological Section of the Ministry, located at No. 45 Prospekt Stalina, transmits to the laboratory soil and water samples from the drillings carried out under its supervision.

b. Sanitary-Epidemiological Station, located at No. 79 Bolshaya Street. This station is responsible for sanitary standards in the city of Vilnius and its vicinity, and also serves as a central control station for similar institutions throughout the republic. It supervises the purity of foodstuffs and the hygienic standards of public institutions and factories. It checks the hygienic standards of factories by testing various environmental factors liable to affect the workers' health. The armed forces make use of the station's facilities for the analysis of food and water, even though they have their own laboratory located in the military cantonment near the Kalvary Market in Vilnius. The analysis is done particularly after cases of food poisoning have occurred in army camps. In addition, the military forward

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4. The following individuals are affiliated with the Ministry of Health of the Lithuanian SSR:

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c. Markauskas (fmu) has been Director of the Personnel Section at the Ministry since 1957.

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f. Vladimir Yakovlevich Sergey is Director of the Hospital Section at the Ministry of Health and doctor of internal medicine at No. 1 Hospital in Vilnius.

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5. The following individuals are employed by the MVD in Vilnius:

a. Kiseliiov (fmu) was head of the Visa Department (Otdel Viz i Registratsiyi) of the MVD in Vilnius until 1956 [redacted]

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b. Shemeliou (fmu), an MVD Lieutenant, is head of the
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